



# SENATOR RUNNER'S WEEK IN REVIEW

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## Governor's Budget

The Governor released his annual January budget which dovetails with the priorities he laid out in his State of the State address. His biggest priority is investing in California's infrastructure known as the Strategic Growth Plan. For more information on his [Strategic Growth Plan](#), [click here](#).

Below are some of the Governor's major budget priorities. I applaud the Governor that he did not increase taxes and I look forward to working with the Administration on the budget for decreases in spending so this budget is balanced.

### News of the Week

[Governor's January 2006-07 Budget](#)

[Jessica's Law Dies in Committee](#)

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[Runner's Bill Backs Bond Debt Limit](#)

[Committees Say No To Jessica's Law](#)

[Public Safety Committee Passes Death Penalty Moratorium](#)

[Budget Could Help High Desert Roads](#)

[Victor Valley Assemblymembers Outline Priorities](#)

## Criminal Justice

### Global Positioning System Expansion

– Expands the use of GPS devices to monitor high-risk parolees.

**COPS** – Fully funds the Citizens' Option for Public Safety program by providing funding for front-line local law enforcement officers, sheriffs' departments for jail construction and operations, and district attorneys for prosecution.

**Booking Fees** – The Governor's budget restores a \$40 million subvention for cities to pay their booking fee costs.

**Public Safety Taskforces** – Provides \$20 million for new special task forces to combat identity theft, gang violence, methamphetamine production and sexual assault.

- \$1.3 million for Identity Theft
- \$9.8 million for Gang Suppression Enforcement Teams
- \$6.0 million for Methamphetamine Strategy Program
- \$8 million for Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE)

**Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention** – Reduces Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention program by \$75 million and the remaining \$25 million be shifted to the Board of Corrections for distribution to local governments.

**Undocumented Felons** – The budget includes \$722.7 million for the incarceration of illegal alien felons, an increase of 9.1%.

### **Education Funding – K-12 Education**

**Per-Pupil Spending** – Total per pupil spending from all sources will increase in 2006-2007 to \$10,996 - \$660 more per student than in 2005-06.

**K-12 Equalization** -- \$200 million in K-12 school equalization.

**Before and After School Programs** – Provides \$550 million for positive alternatives that engage students in self-improving activities during the hours when students are more likely to get into trouble.

**Cal Grant Expansion** – Provides \$11.9 million to help raise the maximum grant level to ensure that more students who attend private schools have financial help to go to college. About 12,300 students will benefit.

**School Facility Funds** – Proposes a \$26.3 billion in General Obligation bonds for K-12 education facilities through 2016-17.

**Proposition 98** – Proposes to increase Proposition 98 funding by \$4.3 billion more than last year. The budget proposes to spend more than \$54.3 billion on education under Proposition 98, the highest amount ever spent [Prop 98 has meant that education is entitled to the same amount allocated in the previous year, plus enrollment growth and inflation adjustment equal to the change in per capita personal income in the state].

### **Education Funding – Higher Education**

Overall higher education funding is set to increase by \$1.1 billion according to the Governor's proposal. \$600 million is allotted for California's community colleges, while the UC and Cal State systems would receive a combined \$500 million. The final budget reflects a compact between the Governor and UC and CSU officials which includes:

**California Community Colleges** – The budget calls for \$130 million to ensure that funding for community colleges is fully equalized. Student fees are kept at the same rate as they were in 2004-2005 – the lowest in the nation.

**Enrollment Growth** – UC and CSU enrollment plans project a 2.5% enrollment increase per year through 2010. The budget provides an increase of \$109.7 million, allowing space for 13,639 new students into the state's colleges and universities.

**Student Fees** – The Governor has eliminated student fee increases for 2006-2007. The budget eliminates the 8 percent fee increase on UC and CSU students scheduled to take effect next fall.

**Facility** – Provides for \$1.4 billion in bond funds for the construction and renovation of California's higher education facilities.

### **TRANSPORTATION FUNDING**

**Proposition 42** – Fully funds Proposition 42 for 2006-07 and pays back over \$920 million in previously borrowed funds for a total of \$2 billion for improvements to California's roads, bridges and highways. \$255 million will go to local governments to spend on local streets and roads. In addition, the plan proposes to adopt a measure that will protect Proposition 42 funds from future government raids.

**General Transportation** – Provides for \$12 billion in bond funds to fund transportation improvements.

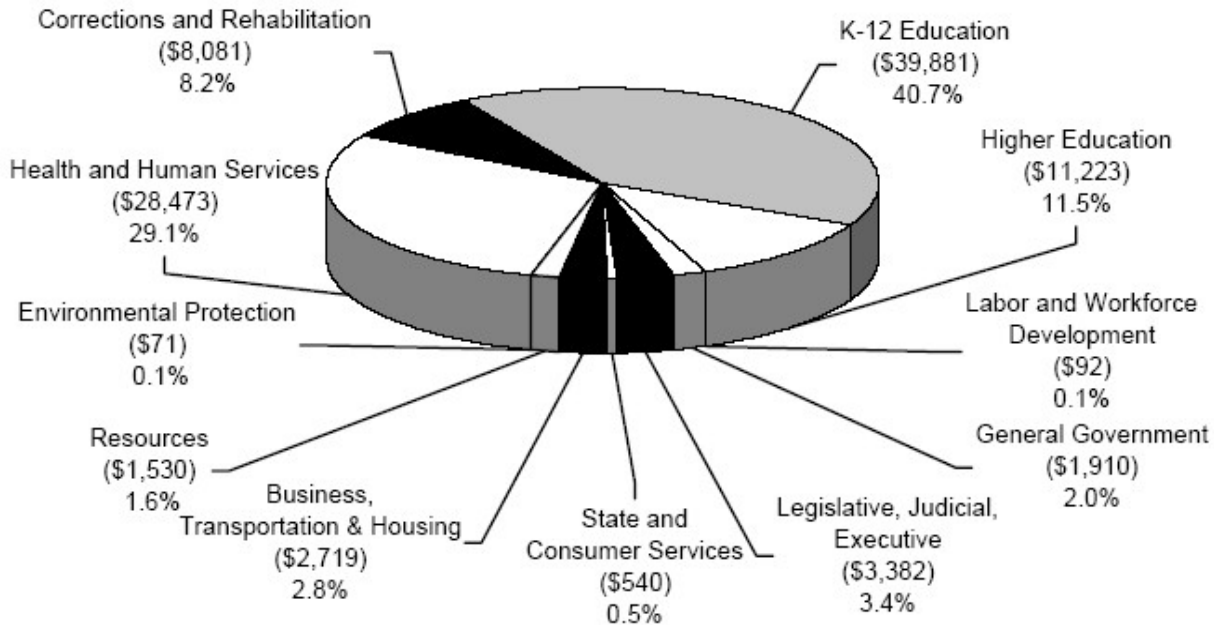
### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Local Government Funding** – This year is the first year local governments will no longer have to shift \$1.3 billion in property taxes to local schools pursuant to the passage of Proposition 1a on the 2004 ballot.

**State-Mandated Programs** — The Budget includes \$98.1 million for the first year of the required 1 year repayment to local government for reimbursable state-mandated programs for which payments were deferred in years prior to 2004-05.

### **General Fund Spending**

**2006-07  
General Fund Expenditures  
(Dollars in Millions)**



Governor Schwarzenegger's \$125.6 billion 2006-07 budget proposal includes \$97.9 billion in General Fund expenditures (including revenues, transfers, and bonds) and \$25 billion in Special Fund expenditures. This represents an 8.4% increase in the General Fund, which amounts to approximately \$7.6 billion (including revenues, transfers, and bonds).

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